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Committee Bill No. 824

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO
RECORDED INFORMATION IN "BLACK BOXES" IN MOTOR
VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "event data recorder" means a device that is installed in a
3 motor vehicle that (1) records how fast the vehicle is traveling, (2)
4 records the direction in which the motor vehicle is traveling, (3)
5 records a history of where the vehicle travels, (4) records steering
6 performance, (5) records brake performance, including whether brakes
7 are applied before an accident, (6) records the usage of the driver's
8 seat belt, or (7) has the ability to transmit information concerning an
9 accident in which the vehicle is involved to a central communications
10 system.

11 (b) No peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general
12 statutes, may obtain or use information stored on or transmitted from
13 an event data recorder in a motor vehicle unless (1) the owner or lessee
14 of the motor vehicle consents in writing, or (2) such officer obtains or
15 uses the information pursuant to a search warrant issued under the

16 provisions of section 54-33a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide for privacy protection for motorists.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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